

Draft Agenda

Making Transit Oriented Development a Reality in the San Joaquin Valley

Workshop 2, May 28, 2010

8:30-9:00: Registration and breakfast

9:00-9:15: John M. Dugan, Director, City of Fresno Planning and Development Department

Welcome and opening remarks

9:15-9:45: Keith Bergthold, Assistant Director, City of Fresno Planning and Development Department

An introduction to bus rapid transit TOD and its future in the region. Keith will discuss the innovative work currently underway in Fresno that will make it easier to develop Transit Oriented Development in the future.

9:45-11:00- Wilshire Vermont Station, Los Angeles, CA. Presented by Justin Chapman

Justin will discuss the development of this TOD project that is located on seven acres of land at the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Red Line subway portal and the 720 Metro Rapid BRT stop. This project contains 449 mixed-income, multi-family apartment units (20% of which are affordable), 36,000 square feet of retail space, 666 parking stalls and a 739 seat middle school.

11:15-11:30 - Break

11:30-12:30- Abigail Thorne-Lyman, Project Director, Reconnecting America

Abigail was the project manager for the study titled: "Recommended Strategies and Actions to Bring TOD to Scale in Los Angeles". In addition to discussing the results of this study, Abigail will discuss the strategies local governments have pursued to support TOD, including both regulatory changes to support higher densities, and implementation strategies such as subsidizing parts of pilot projects. She will also discuss what it takes to make BRT supportive of new development.

12:30-1:15- Lunch

1:15-2:45- Transit Village, Fresno CA. Presented by Tung 'T' Tran, Development Associate, ROEM Development Corporation, and Rick Williams, Partner, Van Meter Williams Pollack, LLP

Transit Village is a development along a future bus rapid transit line along the Kings Canyon Corridor in Fresno that will include a transit bus center, a public park and a senior housing development (133 units) on 5.40 acres of vacant land. The developer and the architect of this project will discuss the process of designing, entitling, and financing this project. The presentation by the developer and architect will be followed by panel discussion that will include the staff from Planning, Housing, and Transit Planning who were involved with this project.

- 2:45-3:00- Break (refreshments to be provided)
- 3:00-4:00- Ken Ryan, Principal, KTGy: Ken Ryan is a Principal with the design firm of KTGy Group, Inc., overseeing the Community Planning and Urban Design Studio. KTGy has been involved in planning and designing several TOD projects in California. This presentation will be design focused and will draw on TOD projects that Ken has worked on. KTGy will also prepare design guidelines that will be given to the attendees of the workshop.
- 4:00-4:15- Closing Remarks and discussion of design competition that will take place at the June 25, 2010 workshop.